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SUCCESSFUL ATTACK MADE ON A BRITISH STEAMSHIP

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HUNDREDS ARE CAPTURED

French Troops When They Withdraw Take Away All the Food Supplies.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Four allied aeroplanes, including one biplane, with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced today, during raids on Danube and Peronne in France, and Yulheim, Baden.

A successful attack on an English steamship was made by German aviators.

In the Balkan campaign the Serbians are being pursued farther. Southwest of Plevlje in northern Montenegro they were driven across the Tara river and farther to the east across the Grab-Brodarec line. Several hundred prisoners were taken.

ALL FOOD SUPPLIES TAKEN OFF BY FRENCH

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In an official Bulgarian report of December 13 as given out here today by the Overseas News Agency the assertion is made that when the French troops withdrew from southwestern Serbia they took away all food supplies from the civilian population, burned the houses and drove off the people.

This passage was omitted from the version of this statement cabled from London last night having perhaps been eliminated by the British censor.

ADVANCE

Of Five Cents a Barrel in All Grades of Lima and Findlay Oil.

LIMA, O., Dec. 15.—An increase of five cents in all grades of local and Findlay oils was quoted by the Buckeye Pipe Line Company this morning. The prices are now as follows: North and South Lima, \$1.23; Indiana, \$1.48; Wooster, \$1.18; Findlay, Princeton, \$1.47; Illinois, \$1.47; and Plymouth, \$1.33.

Miss Louise Kyle is a guest of Mrs. Charles Snyder in Richmond, Va.

COUNCIL CALLED.

For the purpose of investigating the gas famine, a special meeting of the city council has been called for 7:30 o'clock this evening by Mayor G. H. Gordon.

WILSON'S NOTE IS REGARDED HARSH

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Count Ernst von Reventlow, in an article in the Tages Zeitung, says that the note sent by the United States to Austria regarding the Ancona case is characterized by a tone of curt command and hinted threats. He says he thinks it is remarkable that a note "based upon trustworthy information" and "apparent" facts contains opinions, judgments and demands of specific and most harsh character.

PROFOUND IMPRESSION MADE BY WILSON'S NOTE

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—A despatch from Vienna received by way of Buchs, Switzerland, states that President Wilson's note to Austria regarding the Ancona incident has produced a profound impression in government and political circles. The note is said to be resented by a minority.

It is generally believed in Vienna, says the despatch, that Austria will give satisfaction and will pay an indemnity especially as it has large interests in America.

TONS OF GOLD

Are Stored in the United States Assay Office in the City of New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Two hundred tons of gold worth \$102,000,000 and occupying the space of three cords of wood are stored in the United States assay office here. The gold is in 15,345 bars. It represents the accumulation of British sovereigns and other foreign coin brought to the United States in about six weeks in the effort to maintain financial balance between the United States and European nations.

Give Us Gas or Get Out

There is a gas famine in Clarksburg, center of possibly the greatest gas belt in the world and known all over the country as the fuel city.

Scores of wells, some say hundreds, in this section have never been touched, which could be quickly and easily turned into the gas lines.

The immediate operating and managing forces of the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company are doubtless doing all in their power to relieve the situation.

The fault lies in the system. Fifty-one per cent of the company is owned by what is known as the gas trust. The other forty-nine per cent of the ownership is local. The latter has but little voice in the affairs of the company except to exert its efforts for local concessions and protection.

The gas company, it is true, appears as a separate and distinct organization, but no one doubts that it is in truth a part of the gas trust, the major portion of its holdings being in the name of men who are parts and parcels of that trust, or the Standard Oil Company to be specific, and not including independent companies, that trust controls this great gas belt. That trust has vast quantities of gas which could be turned into the main lines here on almost a moment's notice; yet more than 25,000 people in mid-winter and at a time when a blizzard has the community in its grip must suffer the tortures of cold and hunger. Is it right? Is it fair? Is it humane? Will the people submit to it?

The light and heat company wants permission to raise its rates. The people want gas. The people see no reason why they should pay any higher rate either. One branch of the gas trust, they feel, should not be permitted to work the rabbit's foot. The people revolt at the idea of a rate increase on the part of the light and heat company so as to pay another part of the gas trust a big rate for gas. They are up in arms and not without reasonable justification.

Again if the light and heat company will not and can not furnish gas when it is needed most such as the present, it should be required to surrender its franchise and be compelled to get out of town.

The following telegram was sent today:

"Elliott Northcott,
"Chairman Public Service Commission,
"Charleston, W. Va.

"Gas famine here. People are freezing and starving. We appeal to your commission to order the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company to get gas into its lines from readily available sources."

"CLARKSBURG DAILY TELEGRAM,
"By W. C. Morrison and W. L. Geppert, editors."

MILLIONS ENLIST

In the British Army under the Plan of the Earl of Derby Now.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 men have enlisted under the plan of the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, according to the Daily Sketch. The paper says this figure may be reduced upon analysis and that it is quite possible that the figures relative to single men may prove to be below the required standard.

WATCH YOUR GAS

Extra Precautions Should Be Taken to Prevent Explosions and Fires.

Reports are coming to the Telegram from domestic consumers of natural gas that burners are being extinguished because of the small quantity of gas that is being supplied by the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company. It is reported that no notice is being given by the company that such burners are being extinguished.

In order to prevent fires and gas explosions, it behooves the people to keep a close watch upon all gas fire places, cooking stoves, hot water heaters and small stoves connected with hose. There has been a great fluctuation in the gas pressure, hence if burners are extinguished by failure of gas and the pressure returns, rooms may be filled with gas and disastrous results may ensue.

Dr. C. R. Campbell, of Chester, is a visitor in the city.

GIFT WHISKEY INVOKES LAW

Four Men Who Carried Labelled Packages Are Sentenced by Magistrate.

Because each had carried in his pocket an extra pint bottle of whiskey which an obliging saloonist of Marietta, O., had given them when preparing quantities of whiskey to be carried in suit cases and cartons, four of the men who were arrested at arriving passenger trains here Saturday night and Sunday morning drew sentences under the prohibition law late Tuesday in Magistrate William E. Starcher's court. More than 500 pints of whiskey were seized by prohibition officers when the men were arrested.

Those who were sentenced are John Silletti, Anthony Scarcillo, Joseph Parlane and Joseph Folio, and the penalties they drew are two months each in the county jail and on the county roads and fines of \$100 and costs each. Joseph Ropesky and Ignazio Puluso did not carry any of the gift pint bottles and therefore escaped punishment as the whiskey they carried was shown to have been properly labelled. The liquor carried by the others in suitcases and cartons was properly labelled.

MUCH IMPROVED.

Friends of Miss Christine Waters, of Stealey Heights, who has been quite ill, will be glad to learn that she is much improved. She did not develop pneumonia as was reported.

CORE GUILTY.

A criminal court jury has returned a verdict of guilty against H. Cork, tried on a charge of having sold liquor.

JAP PREMIER AND WIFE AT CORONATION



Count and Countess Okuma in coronation robes.

Aside from the imperial family itself, the most important figure at the coronation of Yoshihito as emperor of Japan was Premier Okuma. This photograph of the prime minister and his wife in their coronation robes was taken at the imperial residence at Tokyo, from where they accompanied Emperor Yoshihito and his family to Kyoto, where the ceremonies took place.

Make Out Your Case On Gas Situation and Mail It to Telegram

There appears to be a great deal of dissatisfaction among consumers of natural gas in the Clarksburg district concerning the methods that are being pursued by the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company both in regard to an inadequate gas supply and in regard to a proposed increase of gas rates.

Both these subjects have been brought to the attention of the state public service commission and are being investigated by that body. Thus far, however, only the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company's side of the case in respect to the proposed boost of gas rates, declared by many to be outrageously unjustifiable, has been presented to the public service commission. The public is yet to be heard on this question, as well as the question of poor service. In order, therefore, that the case of the people may be presented fully and in every phase, the Telegram always the champion of the people's rights, hereby urges citizens to write out any complaints or objections they may have against the Clarksburg Light and Heat Company and mail it at once to the editors of the Telegram.

These complaints and objections will be duly presented to the state public service commission by the Telegram.

Contributors should, if possible, have their articles typewritten and written upon one side of the sheet. The articles should also be brief and to the point.

VOTING BECOMING FAST AND FURIOUS IN GREAT CONTEST

Big Gains Are Shown in Ballots Cast for a Number of Candidates.

Fast and furious was the voting in the Telegram's motion picture contest Tuesday and big gains were made by nearly every contestant. Miss Goldie Wilkins voted fifty-one ballots and jumped over the two hundred mark and is now leading all contestants with 245 votes. Others over the two-hundred mark are Miss Catherine Cavalle, Mrs. Florence Glaspell and Mrs. G. N. Wine. The standing of all contestants is as follows:

Miss Nell McLeod	185
Miss Reba Cohen	158
Mrs. C. E. Brown	115
Miss Mary Osborne	114
Miss Goldie Wilkins	245
Mrs. Ray Coffman	112
Miss Margaret Healey	195
Miss Dorothy Dickson	154
Miss Anne Martin	102
Mrs. J. O. Willis	101
Miss Ruth Henderson	118
Miss Mildred Biddle	100
Miss Helen Gardner	100
Miss Isola Haines	100
Miss Adeline Bassel	100
Miss Margaret Wilk	122
Miss Minnie Largent	122
Miss Lena Ora Smith	115
Mrs. G. N. Wine	225
Miss Marie Hall	102
Miss Marie McKown	170
Miss Exie Mae Frame	161
Miss Zima Wery	103
Miss Jewel Miller	191
Miss Orta Yates	175
Miss Mae Neselrotte	100
Miss Catherine Cavalle	295

The Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company's plant, located east of the city, which offers employment to more than 1,000 men, reported Wednesday that its gas pressure was good and that it had encountered no shortage.

The Norwood Glass company is working only half force today on account of the gas famine. At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning three of the shops were shut down and the only men working were the ones making double strength glass. Several shops were also off work all day Tuesday.

The McNeil Pottery Company, located at Norwood is operating under difficulties today as a result of the low gas pressure, the output of the factory not being more than one-half the average.

DENIAL

Is Made by the Greeks of Reported Entrance by Bulgarian Forces.

ATENS, Dec. 15.—The Greek government denies reports of the entrance of Bulgarian forces into Greek territory.

News despatches on Tuesday reported that Bulgarian troops had crossed the frontier between Serbia and Greece in pursuit of the retreating French and British forces.

NON-SUPPORT CASE.

A criminal court jury was given the case of James P. Booker, colored, at noon Wednesday. He was tried on a non-support charge. The case came from Magistrate Yates's court upon an appeal.

TUNA GLASS PLANT UNABLE TO OPERATE

And Many Other Large Plants Are Crippled by the Gas Famine.

With the price of glass higher than it has been for years and more orders than can be filled using the present fire, the Tuna Glass plant, one of the largest in the city, is standing idle today and a large number of men are out of employment on account of the gas famine.

The Tuna plant encountered its first trouble at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning when it was compelled to cease work. After standing idle all day Tuesday sufficient gas was had to operate Tuesday night from midnight to 8 o'clock Wednesday morning when it had to stop operations again on account of the weak pressure.

Operations will be resumed again Wednesday midnight if sufficient pressure can be secured to operate the plant.

The West Fork glass plant while operating today is doing so under difficulty on account of the weak pressure of gas. If the pressure gets much weaker it will be compelled to close down.

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To Their Temporary Positions in Greece near the Serbian Border.

IN TOUCH WITH BULGARS

British Retirement from the Doiran Section Proves It to Be Most Difficult.

SALONIKI, Dec. 15.—An eye witness reports that the retirement of the French to their temporary positions in Greece near the Serbian border was conducted with great skill. All the wounded were brought in except a few who could not be moved. The guns were piled on endless trains of freight cars on which the last remaining inhabitant of the towns departed, their belongings scattered among the guns. The city of Givigli was razed.

The French rear guard were constantly in touch with the Bulgarians until they crossed the border but held them in check, giving the main forces plenty of time for strategic maneuvers. Injuries among the French were slight, consisting mainly of frozen feet as the soldiers were compelled to march through the snow. The final positions which the Allies expect to take up in a few days are being prepared.

The British retirement from the Doiran section proved to be difficult. There was sharp fighting in the Strumitsa region but no guns were lost. The British burned villages as they fell back and destroyed the bridges.

At Saloniki the harbor is crowded with huge transports loaded to the gunwales with arriving troops. Freighters and disembarking munitions and stores. On land hospitals are being erected to supplement the facilities of the hospital ships in accommodating the wounded brought from Givigli.

Transference of Greek troops from the neighborhood of Saloniki has begun.

NEWS EVENTS OF SHINNSTON

Breezy Letter Tells All about People of the Clay District Capital.

SHINNSTON, Dec. 15.—There seems to be great activity in the oil business in this district, owing to the advance in oil.

E. P. McOlvine and Bert Miller were Gypsy visitors.

Great progress is being made on the new cut glass factory in Lumberport. Eight teams are excavating the dirt from the site.

There seems to be some prospects of a new pottery in Shinnston.

James P. Loman, of Lumberport, is seriously ill at his home with appendicitis.

C. L. Richardson, of Lumberport, was a Fairmont visitor Monday.

SALVATION ARMY

Is Busy Raising Funds for Christmas Baskets for the Needy Poor.

Just a few days more are left to afford the opportunity of giving for the purpose of passing on comfort and Christmas cheer to the worthy poor. The Salvation army's collecting boxes have been placed on the store counters and the kettles on the street corners and the letters of invitation have been sent out. Do not overlook this worthy effort and give as liberal as possible.

A well filled Christmas basket will be placed in the homes of the needy and a tree will be given to the children, and it is hoped that many may be made glad at this time.

BIG CONTRACT

Is Closed by the Curtiss Aeroplane Company with British for Aeroplanes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It was said in the financial district today that the Curtiss Aeroplane Company has closed a contract with the British government for \$15,000,000 worth of aeroplanes. In the fiscal year ended October 31 last the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aeroplanes and motors, most of which went to the British government.